

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. The Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 3, 5 and 19.

Allowable Subject Matter and Objection

The Examiner has indicated that claims 11-18 have been allowed. The Examiner has also indicated that claims 3-5, 10, and 21-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 3 and 5 have been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3-5 and 10 should now be allowed.

Objection to Claim 2

Claim 2 has been objected to due to a misspelling. The Applicant respectfully submits that this objection has been overcome by the amendment to claim 2 as set forth above.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-2, 6-9, and 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Dobbins et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,485,455). The Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is now moot in view of the amendments to independent claims 1 and 19 set forth above. Specifically, independent claims 1 and 19 now include features of each port having multiple local identifiers (LIDs) assigned thereto for multipathing. The Examiner has previously indicated that each port having multiple

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local identifiers (LIDs) assigned thereto for multipathing includes allowable subject matter. Therefore, for at least these reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited. The Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Early notification of the same is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney via telephone at 815-885-1390 or via email at rob@intel.com.

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